Allotment of Stainless Steel quota

463. **Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA** (Harihar).—

Will the Minister for Finance, Planning and Commerce and Industries be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the persons to whom licences are issued for the allotment of Stainless Steel quota in Davanagere City ;

(*b*) how many of them were in that line of business previously and how many are new entrants in the field, their names may be furnished ;

(*c*) the quantity of stainless steel allotted to each one of them in Davanagere City from January 1967 to end of January 1968 ;

(*d*) how many of them have factories to manufacture utensils and other articles out of their allotment ?

A.—**Sri A. P. APPANNA** (Deputy Minister for Industries).—

(*a*) (1) M/s. Hombanna Rajappa Bethur Metal Merchant and Mfg., Vijayalakshmi Road, Davanagere City.

(2) M/s. H. Basavalingappa, Mfr., Barline Road, Davanagere City.

(3) M/s. Gowdara Gangadharappa, 1333, Chowkipet, Davanagere.

(4) M/s. Vardhamana Industries, Prop : V. I. Chalegere, P.B. No. 87, Davanagere City.

(5) M/s. Bellulli Murigappa and Sons, Bellulli Murigappa's Street, Davanagere City.

(*b*) All the above 5 units are reported to have been equipped for processing articles out of stainless steel sheets.

(*c*) The following units were allotted S. S. Sheets under direct Imports as well as under Barter Import from January 1967 to end of January 1968 :—

	66–67	*67–68*	*Barter AS. 64 Quota allotment released in 1967*
(1) M/s. H. R. Bethur Metal Mfg., Davanagere City.	2,535	...	0.95 M.T.
(2) M/s. Basavalingappa Mfr., Davanagere City.	2,535	...	0.95 M.T.
(3) M/s. Gowdara Gangadharappa, Davanagere City.	2,435	...	1.90 M.T.
(4) M/s. Vardhamana Industries, Davanagere City.	2,535	1,268	0.95 M.T.
(5) M/s. Bellulli Murigappa and Sons, Davanagere City.	2,535	...	0.95 M.T.

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(*d*) All the above five units are having factories and have registered for the end products.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—In answer to my question (*b*) it is stated that all the above 5 units are reported to have been equipped for processing articles out of stainless steel sheets. May I know whether it is an answer to my question ?

Sri A. P. APPANNA.—Under the Government of India policy, we could receive applications for barter quota only before 1st April 1963. The Director of Industries was directed by the Government of India not to entertain applications after that date. These five units had already come into existence before that date and they had applied for the quota. As per the Essentiality Certificate issued by the Assistant Director of Industries they are equipped ; their machinery was inspected and power was taken.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA. —In that case, can you give me the date on which they were licensed ?

Sri A. P. APPANNA.—I have got one unit licensed. That is, M/s. Bellulli Murigappa and Sons, Davangere City. This firm was licensed before 1st April 1963 and the Essentiality Certificate was issued on 9th March 1963.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Except M/s. Hombanna Rajappa Bethur Metal Merchant and Manufacturing, all the other four are new entrants in the field, in this new line of business because it is lucrative and various other things. I would like to know from the Minister whether even now any one of them have manufactured any utensils as required under the licence ?

Sri A. P. APPANNA.—I would like to point out to the House that under the Government of India directive, it is the Director of Industries that has to distribute this barter. Even the State Government has no control over the distribution of this barter. The Director of Industries is directly responsible to the Government of India. In 1964 when there were complaints that the Director was not distributing properly the State Government appointed a Committee to make allotments. That was challenged in the High Court and the High Court directed that the State Government has no power to take into account the distribution of this material. So the Director of Industries without consulting the Government can allot and report the matter to the Government of India. In so far as barter allotment is concerned, we have received an allotment to the extent of 239 tons of barter from 1st April 1963 and we were getting it piecemeal. We have received one allotment in September 1967 and allotted the same. We have received another allotment now and we are going to distribute it. After this allotment, there will be no barter quota at all in this State. Now, all these five units were entertained because as per the Government of India directions the Director of

Industries cannot entertain after 1st April 1963 and these have been entertained on the basis of the essentiality certificate issued by the Assistant Director of Industries.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—As mentioned by the Deputy Minister, the Director of Industries will allot the quota according to the instructions issued by the Government of India. The Director of Industries is a servant of this Government. So, this Government must have information as to how much quota was allotted, how many utensils were manufactured, how they were distributed, to whom and at what rate. does the Government know all these details ?

Sri A. P. APPANNA.—All these details are being collected every now and then by the Assistant Director of Industries. So far as the last unit is concerned, when the hon'ble Member Sri Siddaveerappa raised in the course of budget discussion the question about the allotment to that unit, we have deputed an officer particularly to inspect this unit and submit a report. He submitted a report on 12th March 1968 in which he has stated that the particular unit has maintained accounts, that so far only 926 kgs. of stainless steel was allotted to him out of which he has consumed 82 kgs. and the rest is with him and that accounts are maintained by him. So far as the other four units are concerned, the information is not with me.

Sri DIGAMBAR RAO B. KALMANKAR.—Have they manufactured anything out of those materials ?

Sri A. P. APPANNA.—This particular unit has manufactured utensils.

Sri SIDDAIAH KASHIMATH.—They have been allotted 1.90 M.T. and 0.95 M.T. and so on. May I know on what basis the quiota is allotted ?

Sri A. P. APPANNA.—The Government of India has directed that the quota should be allotted on the basis of provious allotment. If the allotment sent to us is little, the basis of allotment is the quota they held in previous years. If a particular unit was holding a higher quota, then naturally it got under the barter system a higher quota.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಶಿವಪ್ಪ.—ಇವೀ ಮೈಸೂರು ರಾಜ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿರತಕ್ಕ ಕೋಟಾ ಎಷ್ಟು? ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ಸಟ್ಟಣ ಒಂದಕ್ಕೇನೇ ಬಹು ಭಾಗ ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣವೇನು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಪಿ. ಅಪ್ಪಣ್ಣ.—1967-68 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಬಾರ್ಟರ್ ಕೋಟಾ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಇದು 1964ರ ಕೋಟಾ. 1-4-1963 ರಿಂದ ಇದನ್ನು ಲಬರಲೈಜ ಮಾಡಿದೆ. 1964ನೇ ಇಸವಿ ಕೋಟಾ 234 ಟನ್ನು. ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಧದಷ್ಟು ಬಂದಿದೆ. ಅವನ್ನು ಡಿಸ್ಟ್ರಿಬ್ಯೂಟ್‌ಮಾಡಿದೆ. ಅದು ಬಂದುದು ಸೆಪ್ಟಂಬರ್ 1964ರಲ್ಲಿ. That is the end of the matter. In future there is no question of getting barter because there is the liberalised scheme of getting import.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—If I have understood the Hon'ble Minister correctly, so far as the quota is concerned, this Government has nothing to do with it. Then, why should the Director of Industries

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get involved in it and why should they not appoint their own officers and make their own arrangements for distribution of it and why should you come into the picture at all ?

Sri A. P. APPANNA.—The Government of India in its directive has appointed the Director of Industries to be responsible for distribution because it is the Director of Industries who knows the working conditions of various units in the State. These Units have to be registered under the small scale sector. The Director of Industries expected to know the working condition of these units. That is why they have appointed him. The Government of Mysore cannot alter the decision. He is answerable to the Government of India but not to the Mysore Government in this respect.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಶಿವಪ್ಪ.—ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ನಗರಕ್ಕೆ ಇಷ್ಟೊಂದು ಹೇರಳವಾಗಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾತ್ರೆಗಳನ್ನು ತಯಾರು ಮಾಡತಕ್ಕ ಕೌಶಲ್ಯವಿದೆಯೇ ಅಥವಾ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ಅದನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಲು ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾದ ಕೈಚಳಕವಿದೆಯೇ ಎನ್ನುವುವ ವಿಚಾರವಿದೆ. ದಾವಣಗೆರೆಗೆ ಹೇರಳವಾಗಿ ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣವೇನು ಮತ್ತು ಮೈಸೂರು ರಾಜ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಕೋಟಾ ಬಂತು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

Sri A. P. APPANNA.—Davangere is one of the industrial towns of the Mysore State. The allotment made to this town is not much when compared to Bangalore. Bangalore allotment is very high. What is given to Davangere is very much less.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಪಿ. ಗಂಗಾಧರ್.—ಪಾತ್ರೆಗಳನ್ನು ತಯಾರು ಮಾಡುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ಸ್ಟೀರ್ ಕೋಟಾ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಅವರಿಗೆ ಸ್ಟೀರ್ ಷೀಟ್ಸ್ ಒದಗಿಸುವ ಬೆರೆ ಏನು, ಅವರು ಅದನ್ನು ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆಯೇ ಎನ್ನುವುದನ್ನು ನೋಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಏನು ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಇದೆ, ಅಲ್ಲಿ ತಯಾರಾದ ಪಾತ್ರೆಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾರುವ ಬೆರೆ ಗೊತ್ತುಮಾಡಿ ಬಡಜನರಿಗೆ ಅನುಕೂಲ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಪಿ. ಅಪ್ಪಣ್ಣ.—ನಾವು ಹಿಂದೆ ಪಡೆದಿದ್ದ ಕೋಟಾವನ್ನು ಒಂದು ಮೆಟ್ರಿಕ್ ಟನ್ನಿಗೆ 18 ಸಾವಿರ ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್ ಮಾರ್ಕೆಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ 24 ಸಾವಿರ ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಇದೆ. ಸ್ಮಾಲ್ ಸ್ಕೇಲ್ ಯೂನಿಟ್‌ಗಳವರು, ಯಾರು ಈ ಬಾರ್ಟರ್ ಕೋಟಾ ತೆಗೆದು ಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೋ ಅವರೇ ಅದನ್ನೆಲ್ಲ ಪೂರ್ತಿಯಾಗಿ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಎನ್ನುವಂಥ ಆಶ್ವಾಸನೆಯನ್ನು ಹೇಳಲಿಕ್ಕೆ ನಾನು ಸಮರ್ಥನಲ್ಲ. ಕೆಲವು ಭಾಗ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್ ಮಾರ್ಕೆಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಹೋಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎನ್ನುವುದನ್ನು ಒಪ್ಪಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಆದರೆ ಇದರ ಯೂಟಿಲೈಸೇಷನ್ ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ಆಗುತ್ತದೆಯೋ, ಇಲ್ಲವೋ ಎನ್ನುವುದನ್ನು ನೋಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅಸಿಸ್ಟೆಂಟ್ ಡೈರೆಕ್ಟರಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅವರ ರಿಪೋರ್ಟ್ ನೋಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೇ ಇಲ್ಲವೇ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. The Assistant Director of Industries has been authorised to check the units and check their accounts. It is quite possible as in every State, it has gone into blackmarketing. There is no question of allotment of steel under barter by Government of India. The Hindusthan Steel Limited has undertaken to supply steel to the Factories. 18, 20, 22 ಮತ್ತು 24 ಗೇಜ್ ಸ್ಟೀಲ್ ಇಷ್ಟರವರೆಗೂ ಇಂಡಿಯಾ ದೇಶವಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಅದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಇಂಪೋರ್ಟ್ ಲೈಸೆನ್ಸ್ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಒರುವ ವರ್ಷದಿಂದ ಅದನ್ನು ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಿಯಾರು. ಹಿಂದೂಸ್ತಾನ್ ಸ್ಟೀಲ್ ಲಿಮಿಟೆಡ್ ಅವರು ಅದನ್ನು ಈಗ ತಯಾರು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. There is no question of import in course of time. There is no question of allotment and there is no question of blackmarketing.